

No Cost College Program at York Technical College

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the program?

York Technical College is pleased to partner with the Governor's Office in offering no cost college experience for students. The no-cost college (free tuition and fees) program at York Technical College is combined with the Workforce Scholarships for the Future program supported by the Governor's Office to cover tuition and required fees for students attending York Technical College in a large variety of career areas. This no-cost program will increase accessibility, reduce the cost of education, and help produce a highly skilled workforce for our local business and industry.

Why is York Tech implementing this?

To continue to fulfill and uphold our mission of student success. To support the new and returning student matriculation while supporting retention and completion of current students. To remove barriers and ensure educational access for all students who want to start at York Tech. To help meet the demands of industry for a skilled, relevant workforce and do our part to help manage skilled trades shortages.

GENERAL INFORMATION for Credit Programs

Who is eligible?

A student is eligible to receive funding if they meet the following criteria:

Eligibility for Students in Credit Programs:

- New students (First-time Freshmen and First-time Transfer)**
- Returning (Readmit) students (previously enrolled but not active)**
Must have the previous 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- Active Students (those currently enrolled in Fall 2021 or who were enrolled in Spring or Summer 2021)**
- South Carolina resident
- Must have a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA, if you are an active student who has attempted 24 or more credit hours)
 - *If under 2.0 cumulative GPA, eligibility is considered on a case-by-case basis*
- Credential seeking (certificate, diploma or associate's degree)
- Enrolled in at least 6 credit hours
- Must have completed the FAFSA process (submit all required documents)
 - For Wintermester/Spring 2022, and Summer 2022 classes, must complete the 2021-22 FAFSA Process
 - For Fall 2022 classes, must complete the 2022-23 FAFSA Process

***Note:** *Students in Loan Default or in Collections are not eligible to receive these funds*

- DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) will be eligible for the scholarship but should work closely with the Admissions & Financial Aid office (The FAFSA completion is not required for DACA students).*

ELIGIBILITY

Who is NOT eligible?

- Students who are not credential seeking are not eligible for this scholarship. E.g., Non-degree seeking students including Visiting students and senior citizens) unless in a qualified non-credit program.
- Dual Enrollment Students

How long can I receive the Free Tuition and fees?

Guaranteed for one year (Spring 2022, Summer 2022, *Fall 2022 semesters) and/or until funds are no longer available. We hope to continue the program through Spring 2024 and will notify students as soon as is possible.

**Note: Students are strongly encouraged to complete a 2022-23 FAFSA for the Fall 2022 semester.*

How do I continue to receive this benefit after the Spring 2022 semester?

Students must:

- Remain continuously enrolled in at least 6 credit hours* (including summer)
- Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Complete the FAFSA process and submit all required documents.

**Taking more credit hours per semester gets you closer to the finish line before program funding ends.*

Are there any income requirements or limits?

There are no income requirements, but program participants must complete the FAFSA process and meet the eligibility requirements.

GETTING STARTED/WHERE DO I BEGIN?

How do I get the funding?

New Students:

- Complete the Admissions Application at www.yorktech.edu/apply
- Get accepted: Submit official high school transcript with 2.7 or higher; official college transcript; applicable test scores; take the placement test
- Complete the [Scholarships Acknowledgement form](#)
- Register for at least 6 credit hours
- Complete the 2021-22 (*Spring & Summer 2022 enrollment*) & 2022-23 (*Fall 2022 enrollment*) FAFSA Process (submit all required documents)

Note: Students in Loan Default or in Collections are not eligible to receive these funds.

Currently or Recently Enrolled Students:

- Register for at least 6 credit hours for the Spring 2022 term.
- Complete the [Scholarships Acknowledgement form](#).
- Complete the 2021-22 (*Spring & Summer 2022 enrollment*) & 2022-23 (*Fall 2022 enrollment*) FAFSA Process (submit all required documents)

What if I need assistance completing the admissions application?

York Tech is here to help. For further questions, email us at enrollmentservices@yorktech.edu or call our One-Stop Center at (803) 327-8008.

What if I am returning to York Tech but do not meet the requirements of the Reconnect program?

Complete the steps for returning students above - you may qualify for these funds if you meet eligibility criteria stated above.

What if I have already earned a degree?

No problem, complete the steps above-you may qualify for these funds if you meet eligibility criteria stated above.

What if I'm a current student and need help registering for classes?

Connect with your assigned academic advisor. You can find your advisors name and contact information in Navigate > Resources > People. For further assistance, contact the Academic & Career Advising Center at academicadvising@yorktech.edu.

What if I am in my final semester and don't need to enroll in 6 credits to complete my credential?

Students should contact the Financial Aid office (finaid@yorktech.edu) to request the Completion Grant Application.

IMPORTANT DATES

Funding Eligibility Deadlines:

New (incoming first-time freshman and transfers) students are strongly encouraged to meet the following priority processing deadlines. *Eligibility for the no cost college program beyond the priority deadline is based on availability of funds.*

Priority Registration deadline is December 10, 2021.

Wintermester (4-wk Online courses)

- Nov 30: Priority Registration Deadline
- December 13, 2021: Payment Deadline

16 weeks or 1st 8-week courses (January 10, 2022 start date)

- December 10: Priority Registration Deadline
- January 14: Payment Deadline

2nd 8-week courses (March 14, 2022 start date)

- February 1: Priority Registration Deadline
- March 16th: Payment Deadline

FUNDING/FINANCIAL AID

Priority 2021-22 FAFSA Completion Date (submit all required documents) is December 20, 2021.

What if I need assistance completing the FAFSA?

York Tech is here to help. For further questions, email us at finaid@yorktech.edu or call our One-Stop Center at (803) 327-8008.

How is the scholarship being applied?

Scholarship dollars will be applied after all other federal and state financial aid, scholarships, and/or other awards. A refund will not be generated for students.

How much financial assistance will I receive?

Students will receive a scholarship to cover tuition and all relevant fees. If a student qualifies for state or federal aid, those funds will be applied prior to the funds associated with the no cost college program.

Will I have to pay anything?

Possibly. Funds will only cover tuition and relevant fees, after all scholarships, federal and state aid is applied. Students may still be responsible for specific program fees and supplies (tools/uniforms, etc.).

How do I check to see what funds have been applied to my account?

Students can log in to Navigate > Resources > Financial Aid & Payment Info > Financial Aid: Account Activity and view a listing of their charges, awards, financial aid, and payments by term. *If you are eligible for the funds, you will see a balance until funds are posted to your account.*

What if I have been suspended or deemed ineligible for financial aid at York Tech?

Depending on the situation, students may be able to submit an appeal. The College will review this on a case-by-case basis and provide the best options to return to York Tech. Contact notuition@yorktech.edu to get more information.

What if my Student Loan is in default?

Students in Loan Default or in Collections are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

What if I have a hold on my account because I owe money to the college/have a past due balance?

Any outstanding balance due to York Tech, if applicable, must be satisfied before registering for Spring 2022; in extenuating circumstances students may request consideration for a payment plan to satisfy the balance by contacting the business office at: mmoore@yorktech.edu.

Will exceptions be made for students who do not maintain continuous enrollment?

Students who have an approved medical or personal leave of absence may continue eligibility while the program is in place if approved by the Dean of Students Office. A student would be required to meet with the Counseling and Support services team, and in many cases may be required to submit documentation. That team will recommend whether an one-time special circumstances exception should be granted. This is not guaranteed.

What if I have a hold on my account because I owe money and my account is in collections?

Any outstanding balance that has been placed in collections, must be satisfied before registering for Spring 2022. Students are not eligible to set up a payment plan.

Questions, please contact us at notuition@yorktech.edu

GENERAL INFORMATION for Non-Credit Programs**Non-Credit Programs****Who is Eligible?**

- Must be in an eligible, high demand workforce program (a complete list of programs is on the webpage)
- Must be a South Carolina resident
- No FAFSA completion is required
- Scholarship is awarded on a first come, first serve basis until funding is depleted

What do the scholarship funds cover?

The scholarship funds cover tuition and all relevant fees.

How do I apply for Non-Credit Programs:

1. Students complete a Learner Profile in Lumens: <https://yorktech.augusoft.net/>
2. Complete the Scholarship Application request process:
<https://yorktech.augusoft.net//info/landing/geer-scholarship>
3. Complete the [Scholarships Acknowledgement form](#)
4. Submit required documentation to ceadmin@yorktech.edu or at the college: Comporium Building at 452 S. Anderson Rd, Rock Hill, SC Room C101.
5. Eligible students will be contacted for registration.

Priority Registration deadline is December 10, 2021.

Will I have to pay anything?

Possibly. Funds will only cover tuition and relevant fees, after all scholarships are applied. Students may still be responsible for specific program fees and supplies (tools/uniforms, etc.).

What if I have a hold on my previous credit program account because I owe money and my account is in collections?

Any outstanding balance that has been placed in collections, must be satisfied before registering for Spring 2022. Students are not eligible to set up a payment plan.

What if my Student Loan is in default?

Students in Loan Default or in Collections are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

Non-credit program questions, please contact ceadmin@yorktech.edu

